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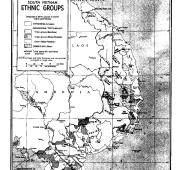


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Although they wary considerably with elevation, temperatures at any one location are relatively uniform throughout the year, ranging from moderate to high. The mean meansal temperature in Smigon is about 30°9 whereas in Dalat, at an elevation of about 5,000 feet, it is only 50°E.



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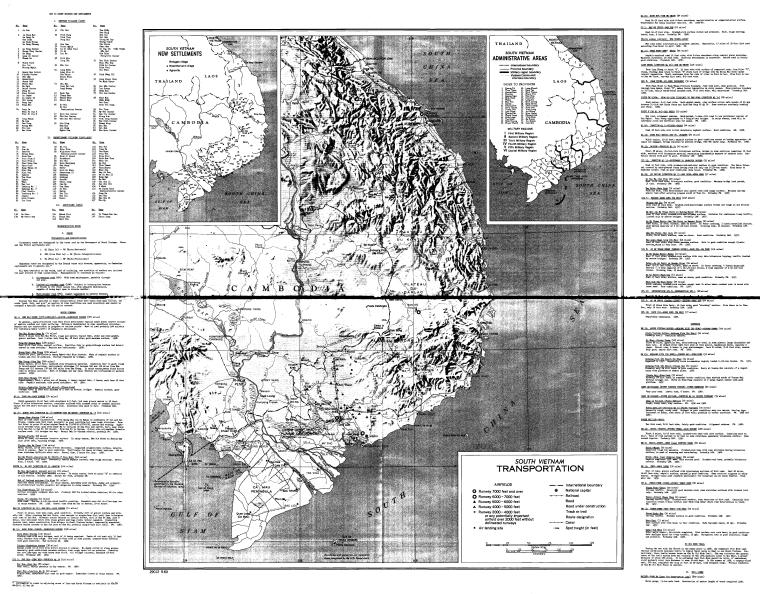
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## Project Initiation Memorandum

	To	Chief,	Geographic Research		Project	t No. 61.1860	
	Fro	om: Chi	ef, Geography Division		Date:	12 May 1960	
	1.	Subject	of Proposed Project:	South Vietnam			
	2. Q.	Statement of Problem: The security situation in South Vietnam has deteriorated, with an influx of an estimated 3000 Viet Minh guerrillas and agents into that country. Assassinations of local South Vietnamese officials and acts of sabotage carried on by bands of Communist guerrillas numbering 100-300 men have resulted in a situation in some areas which has been compared to the insecurity prevailing in 195h. This geographic intelligence memorandum will provide an intelligence appreciation of geographic factors relevant to the present situation.  As the situation has similarities to that of Laos in the summer of					
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